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| | | | Meghalaya<br>Arunachal Pradesh | Shillong (04.02.1998)<br>Itanagar (12.08.2000) |
| 8. | Gujarat | Sola (Ahmedabad) | Gujarat | – |
| 9. | Himachal Pradesh | Shimla | Himachal Pradesh | – |
| 10. | Jammu & Kashmir | Jammu and Srinagar | Jammu & Kashmir | – |
| 11. | Jharkhand | Ranchi | Jharkhand | – |
| 12. | Karnataka | Bangalore | Karnataka | – |
| 13. | Kerala | Kochi | Kerala and Lakshadweep Islands | – |
| 14. | Madhya Pradesh | Jabalpur | Madhya Pradesh | Gwalior (01-11-1956)<br>Indore (01.11.1956) |
| 15. | Madras | Chennai | Tamil Nadu and Pondicherry | Madurai (24.07.2004) |
| 16. | Orissa | Cuttack | Orissa | – |
| 17. | Patna | Patna | Bihar | – |
| 18. | Punjab and Haryana | Chandigarh | Punjab, Haryana U.T. of Chandigarh | – |
| 19. | Rajasthan | Jodhpur | Rajasthan | Jaipur (31.01.1977) |
| 20. | Sikkim | Gangtok | Sikkim | – |
| 21. | Uttarakhand | Nainital | Uttarakhand | – |

* There are 21 High Courts in the country.

* Only 6 High Courts (Allahabad, Bombay, Gauhati, Madhya Pradesh, Madras and Rajasthan) have 14 permanent benches amongst themselves.

**Public Interest Litigations**

999. SHRI MAHMOOD A. MADANI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases registered on the basis of Public Insterest Litigations (PILs) during the last three years;

(b) how many of them involved allegations against former Union Ministers and in how many of these cases litigations were found groundless or lacking substance and basis; and

(c) whether in view of the misuse and abuse of the mode of PILs, the Apex Court has issued guidelines and parameters concerning acceptability of PILs and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from the Supreme Court and the High Courts and the same would be laid on the Table of the House.